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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application in the below indicated manner.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 23 as follows: